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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05788.0177

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Lucia MARAZZI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2872  
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Application No.: 09/915,401 ) Examiner: Alessandro V. Amari  
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Filed: July 27, 2001 )  
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For: OPTICAL THRESHOLD AND )  
COMPARISON DEVICES AND )  
METHODS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, the period for response having been extended to November 18, 2003 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please consider the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** appear below.

**Attachments** to this Reply include a date-stamped copy of the first and second pages of the certified priority document copied from the USPTO file for this application.

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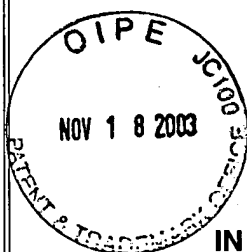
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Washington, DC 20231

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of June 18, 2003. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$420.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	21	-	21	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep.	2	-	3	0	x \$ 84	0.00
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Subtotal						\$ 0.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 0.00

- ☐ A fee of \$\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☐ A fee of \$\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$420.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: November 18, 2003

By:

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